

# **Veterans County Offices Senate File 2134**

**FINAL ACTION**

April 21, 2008

## **Executive Summary Only**

**An Act relating to veterans affairs by modifying training requirements, requiring executive directors and administrators to provide minimum hours of service in each county, specifying executive director, administrator, and employee duties, creating a county commission of veteran affairs training program, creating a county commissions of veteran affairs fund, providing an appropriation, concerning eligibility criteria for special gold star motor vehicle registration plates and providing an effective date.**

**Fiscal Services Division  
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### **NOTES ON BILLS AND AMENDMENTS (NOBA)**

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- CERTIFICATION TRAINING
  - Requires certification training for Executive Directors and Administrators of County Commissions of Veterans Affairs.
- STANDING APPROPRIATION
  - Creates an annual standing appropriation of \$1.0 million from the State General Fund beginning in FY 2010 for the County Commission of Veterans Affairs Fund.
- COUNTY OFFICE FUNDING
  - Allocates \$10,000 annually to each of the 99 counties for the staffing cost of the County Commission of Veterans Affairs from the Fund.
- TRAINING PROGRAM ESTABLISHED
  - Creates a County Commission of Veterans Affairs Training Program in the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs and establishes duties and provisions relating to the Program.
- COUNTY OFFICE STAFFING REQUIREMENTS
  - Requires each County Commission to provide specified staff, provides for duties of the staff, and requires counties to provide a minimum of staff hours based on the population of the county.
- FISCAL IMPACT
  - Statewide, it is estimated that the addition of required offices and hourly staffing requirements will cost counties an additional \$575,915. After application of the \$10,000 distributed to each of the counties, the estimated net cost to the affected counties is \$230,000 Statewide.
- GOLD STAR PLATES
  - Permits the surviving spouse, parent, child, or sibling of a deceased veteran that died as a result of service during a time of military conflict to purchase Gold Star license plates.
- EFFECTIVE DATES
  - The Section regarding the changes to eligibility for purchasing Gold Star license plates takes effect July 1, 2008. The Sections relating to Veterans County Offices and funding take effect July 1, 2009 (FY 2010).
- ENACTMENT DATE
  - This Bill was approved by the General Assembly on April 21, 2008.